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REMARKS

A check for \$475 for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. Any fees that may be due in connection with the filing of this paper or with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. If a Petition for Extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition. A change of address for the undersigned accompanies this response.

Claims 1- 33 are presently pending. Claims 34-41 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to the cancelled subject matter.

New claims 42-44 are added herein. Basis for these claims can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 6-23 and at page 50, lines 25-30.

In view of the election, amendments and remarks herein, examination on the merits is

respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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